



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EST (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Tuesday - July 3, 2001**

- ***In the West***, a severe heat wave is stressing pastures and summer crops and increasing irrigation and electrical demands. Today's high temperatures are forecast to reach 110 degrees F in ***California's Central Valley***, and approach 120 degrees F in the ***Desert Southwest***.
- ***On the Plains***, scattered showers are slowing winter wheat harvesting but aiding summer crops across ***central areas***, including parts of ***Kansas and Nebraska***. Dry conditions continue to adversely affect small grains on the ***northern High Plains*** and reproductive summer crops on the ***southern High Plains***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, showers and thunderstorms are maintaining generally adequate soil moisture for corn and soybeans, which are approaching or entering reproduction across ***southern portions of the region***.
- ***In the South***, isolated showers continue to aid pastures and summer crops, especially across previously dry ***southern Texas***.

**Outlook:** For the remainder of the week, a series of cold fronts are forecast to bring periodic showers to areas from the ***Corn Belt into the Southeast***. Meanwhile, mostly dry weather will persist on the ***Plains***, except for scattered showers across ***central areas***. Hot weather will continue in the ***West***, accompanied by isolated thundershowers in the ***Four Corners region***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for July 8-12 calls for near- to above-normal temperatures nationwide, except in the ***Northeast***, where cool weather is forecast to prevail. An early-summer heat wave will continue across much of the ***West*** and spread onto parts of the ***Plains***. Mostly dry weather is expected in ***southern Texas*** and from ***California to the northern Plains***, but wet weather is forecast in most other areas, including the ***southern Rockies, central Plains, western Corn Belt, interior South, and Atlantic Seaboard***.

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